

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Meyersville, Texas  
December 7, 2025**

**Second Sunday of Advent**



**Matthew 3:3**

## ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### **Second Sunday of Advent Sunday, December 7, 2025**

**Greeters This Week:** Cheryl Bramlette

**Greeters Next Week:** The Hays Family

**Reader This Week:** Dwight Jander

**Reader Next Week:** Wanda Hays

**Acolyte This Week:** Levi Moritz

**Acolyte Next Week:** Bryson Henkes

**Altar Guild This Month:** Dee Moeller & Beverly Bodden

**Altar Guild Next Month:** Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank

**Communion Assistant This Month:** Pam Haun

**Communion Assistant Next Month:** Wanda Hays



**Busy Bags** are available in the Narthex for all children to enjoy.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

We the members of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church of Meyersville, strive to be witnesses for Christ, a Christian family striving to be models and examples to others, loving one another and trying to be friendly to all; acknowledging that we are sinful, but being patient, faithful, giving, caring, forgiving, and forgiven believers.

### **Worship Notes Regarding Today's Service:**

For those of you who would prefer to remain in your cars, we will continue to broadcast the service on FM 101.5. You can follow the service in the bulletin as the liturgy, the organ music, hymns with the lyrics by our song leaders, and Pastor John's message will be on the broadcast. Thank you!

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

You are invited to commune with us if, as a baptized Christian, you believe that you are a sinner and in need of God's forgiveness; that the body and blood of Jesus are truly present in the Sacrament; that this is more than a symbolic act, but a way God proclaims forgiveness to us who are repentant.

*May your participation increase your faith and strengthen your love for God and one another.*

*(For those attending, please fill out a tan communion card.)*

*The Service begins with the first notes of the prelude.  
Please prepare for worship with silent meditation at this time.*

## **AS WE GATHER**

John the Baptist paved the way for the Messiah's public ministry by proclaiming a baptism of repentance. As the Church awaits Christ's imminent return, his reign of righteousness, justice and peace continues to guide his followers until he returns in glory. In the meantime, we wait patiently, filled with joy and the power of the Holy Spirit, who sends us into the world to proclaim the Good News of Christ.

**PRELUDE:** "Two Part Invention 3"

**Johann Sebastian Bach**

**RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS PRAISES AND CONCERNS**

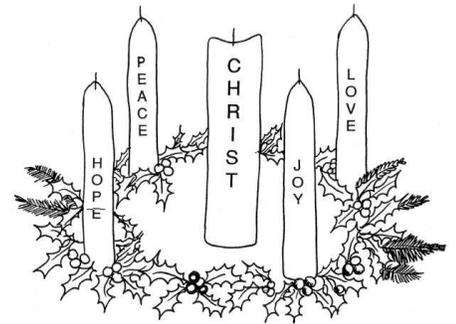
**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH - "The Bethlehem Candle"**

**Reading, Scripture, & Prayer**

**HYMN: LBW #41 1<sup>st</sup> Verse**

*"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

**O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by;  
Yet in the dark streets shineth The everlasting light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.**



*Stand as you are able*

## **BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

L In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

L Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

L If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for Reflection and Meditation*

L Most merciful God,

**C We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

L Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

**OPENING HYMN:**

*“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”*

**LBW #31**

<sup>1</sup>Wake, awake, for night is flying,  
The watch-men on the heights are crying:  
Awake, Jerusalem, at last.  
Midnight hears the welcome voices,  
And at the thrilling cry rejoices:  
“Come forth, you maidens! Night is past.  
The bride-groom comes! Awake;  
Your lamps with gladness take!”  
Alleluia! Prepare yourselves to meet the Lord,  
Whose light has stirred the waiting guard.

<sup>2</sup>Zion hears the watch-men singing,  
And in her heart new joy is springing.  
She wakes, she rises from her gloom,  
For her Lord comes down all-glorious,  
The strong in grace, in truth victorious.  
Her star is ris’n; her light is come.  
O come, you Blessed One,  
Lord Jesus, God’s own Son.  
Sing hosanna! We go until the halls we view  
Where you have bid us dine with you.

<sup>3</sup>Now let all the heav’ns adore you,  
And saints and angels sing before you.  
The harps and cymbals all unite.  
Of one pearl each shining portal,  
Where, dwelling with the choir immortal,  
We gather round your dazzling light.  
No eye has seen, no ear  
Has yet been trained to hear.  
What joy is ours! Crescendos rise; your halls resound;  
Hosannas blend in cosmic sound.

**GREETING**

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

**KYRIE**

L In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy.

L For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord have mercy.**

L For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord have mercy.**

L Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C Amen**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

L Let us pray,

**C Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of your only-begotten Son, that by his coming we may be enabled to serve you with pure minds; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

<sup>2</sup>And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. <sup>3</sup>And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, <sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

<sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. <sup>6</sup>The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. <sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup>They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters

cover the sea. <sup>10</sup>In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples — of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

**Responsive Reading**  
**Psalm 72:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>Give the King your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the King's Son;

**<sup>2</sup>That he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;**

<sup>3</sup>That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the little hills bring righteousness.

**<sup>4</sup>He shall defend the needy among the people; he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**

<sup>5</sup>He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

**<sup>6</sup>He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.**

<sup>7</sup>In his time shall the righteous flourish;  
there shall be abundance of peace 'til the moon shall be no more.

**SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-13**

<sup>4</sup>Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup>May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup>and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." <sup>10</sup>And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." <sup>11</sup>And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." <sup>12</sup>And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." <sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

*Stand as you are able*

**GOSPEL VERSE**

**C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**GOSPEL READING: Matthew 3:1-12**

L The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord. (Sung)**

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup>"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." <sup>3</sup>For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice

of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’” <sup>4</sup>Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>7</sup>But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup>And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. <sup>10</sup>Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>11</sup>I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

L The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.** (*Sung*)

*Please be seated*

## MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

*“Savior of the Nations, Come”*

LBW #28

**<sup>1</sup>Savior of the nations, come; Show the glory of the Son!  
Ev’ry people, stand in awe; Praise the perfect Son of God.**

**<sup>2</sup>Not of human seed or worth, But from God’s own mystic breath,  
Fruit in Mary’s womb begun When God breathed the Word, his Son.**

**<sup>3</sup>Wondrous birth! Oh, wondrous child Of the virgin undefiled!  
Mighty God and man in one, Eager now his race to run!**

**<sup>4</sup>God the Father is his source, Back to God he runs his course;  
Down to death and hell descends, God’s high throne he re-ascends.**

**<sup>5</sup>He leaves heaven to return; Trav’ling where dull hellfires burn;  
Riding out, returning home As the Savior who has come.**

**<sup>6</sup>God the Father’s precious Son Girds himself in flesh to run  
For the trophies of our souls, Longer than this round earth rolls.**

**<sup>7</sup>Shining stable in the night, Breathing vict’ry with your light;  
Darkness cannot hide your flame, Shining bright as Jesus’ name.**

*Stand as you are able*

Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith.

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The holy catholic church,  
The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

L Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

**Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;**

**Lord, listen to your children praying, Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace!**

Each petition ends with "...Lord, in your mercy,"

The congregation responds with "**Hear our prayer.**"

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **SHARING THE PEACE**

L The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

L Let us share the peace.

*Please be seated*

**OFFERING: "Before the Manger 'Sleep Little Dove' "**

**Roger C. Wilson**

*(Please use the yellow envelopes for cash/coin offerings & include your name.)*

*Stand as you are able*

### **OFFERTORY**

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,**

**And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.**

**Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,**

**That we may be fed with the bread of life.**

**Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;**

**Unite them with the prayers we offer now.**

**Grace our table with your presence,**

**And give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

L Merciful Father,  
C **We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

L The Lord be with you.  
C **And also with you.**

L Lift up your hearts.  
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

L It is indeed right and salutary.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:  
C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

L Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.  
In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,  
That all those who believe in him should not perish,  
But have eternal life.  
We give thanks to you for the salvation  
You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.  
Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,  
That we may receive our Lord  
With a living faith as he comes to us  
In his holy supper.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

L In the night in which he was betrayed  
Our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
Broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying;  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
And gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
Shed for you and for all people  
For the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Father remember us always and teach us to pray;

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation.**

**But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

L Come for the Lord's Table is ready.

C **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

**HOLY COMMUNION** *(For those attending, please fill out a tan communion card.)*

L May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen**

**POST COMMUNION**

C **Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell everyone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Let us pray;

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

L Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

**THE DOXOLOGY:**

**LBW #565**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**POSTLUDE:**

*"Celebration"*

**Benton Price**



**Galatians 4:4-5**

**“But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.”**

*[This verse speaks of the perfect timing of Jesus’ birth. December is a reminder that God’s plan unfolded exactly as intended, bringing redemption to humanity. Through Jesus, we are adopted into God’s family, experiencing His grace and love.]*

[www.prayerlit.com/bible-verses-for-december/](http://www.prayerlit.com/bible-verses-for-december/)



Office hours will be posted in the weekly bulletins. If you would need immediate assistance outside of office hours, text or call Meliss at 361-649-0413.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN**



**Today 12/7 Second Sunday in Advent**  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
9:00 a.m. Adult Study  
9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class  
10:15 a.m. Worship with Communion

**Mon 12/8 Office Closed**

**Tues 12/9** 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Pastor’s Office Hours  
9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Office Hours

**Wed 12/10** 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Office Hours  
10:00 a.m. Comm. Service @ Yorktown Manor  
12:30 p.m. Women’s Bible Study

**Thurs 12/11** ??? Office Hours  
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Pastor’s Office Hours

**Fri 12/12** ??? Office Hours

**Sat 12/13** 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service

**Next Sun. Third Sunday in Advent**

8:00 a.m. Property Team Meeting  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
9:00 a.m. Adult Study  
10:15 a.m. Worship ~ Called Congregation Meeting after Service ~ Budget & Insurance

*Have a Blessed Week!*



*Welcome Visitors! We would like to extend a special welcome to all visitors. If you are looking for a church home, we pray you would consider St. John’s.*

*Prayer request cards are available in the pews and can be filled out and handed to an usher during the first hymn for your request to be included in the day’s prayer. If you have a private prayer request please fill out the appropriate side and give to the pastor.*

**OFFERING & ATTENDANCE**

**Wednesday, November 26, 2025** General \$485.00, Building \$50.00; **Total: \$535.00**

**Attendance:** Worship – 30

**Saturday, November 29, 2025** General \$255.00, Youth \$40.00; **Total: \$295.00**

**Attendance:** Worship – 10

**Sunday, November 30, 2025** General \$831.00, MOM (November) Christmas Family \$65.00, Sunday School \$53.00, Building \$160.00; **Total: \$1,109.00**

**Attendance:** Worship – 68, Sunday School – 8 Children, 4 Teachers, Adult Study – 4



I have a pair of glasses in the church office that were found in the Church restroom in early November. If you are missing them, please let me know or come by to pick them up. Thank you! ~ Meliss



**GLASSES ARE STILL WAITING TO BE CLAIMED.**

## **NALC WAREHOUSE & NALC WAREHOUSE-ROSENBERG**

If you are giving a donation to one of these warehouses, please indicate which one. This designation must be made in order for the funds to be sent to your donation, national warehouse or Texas warehouse. *Rosenberg Warehouse checks need to be written out to Peace Lutheran Church with Rosenberg Warehouse on the memo line.*

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### **NALC Disaster Response**

#### **What's in a Flood Bucket?**

- 1 five gallon bucket with lid** (*check at schools, restaurants, donut shops*)
- 1 roll paper towels** (*Walmart \$0.68*)
- 1 powder scouring cleanser (like comet)** (*Walmart \$0.88*)
- 1 floor cleaner – small! (like Pine Sol, Fabuloso)**  
(*Dollar Tree \$1.75*)
- 1 bottle bleach – small! (1/2 gal. or smaller)**  
(*Dollar Tree \$1.75*)
- 1 scrub brush** (*Dollar Tree \$1.75*)
- 1 pair rubber gloves (size L preferred, reusable)**  
(*Dollar Tree \$1.75*)
- 1 pair leather gloves (size L preferred)** (*H Depot 3pk/\$6.00*)
- 1 pair cotton gloves (size L preferred)** (*H Depot \$1 ea. or Walmart 6pk/\$5.00*)
- 2 large contractor trash bags (3 mil)**
- 2 rags** (*cut up old bath or beach towels, dish towels, wash cloths*)

#### **What's in a Health Care Kit?**

- 1 bath towel**
- 1 wash cloth (optional)**
- 1 shampoo (2 or 3 if travel size)**
- 1 bar of soap (2 or 3 if travel size)**
- 1 toothbrush (individually sealed)** (*Dollar Tree 4pk/\$1.75*)
- 1 pack of floss (optional)**
- 1 toothpaste (2 if travel size)** (*Walmart \$0.77 to \$0.90*)
- 1 comb** (*Dollar Tree 12 pk/\$1.75*)
- 1 deodorant** (*Walmart \$1.18*)
- 1 nail clippers (optional)**

**We will also be collecting new and gently used Bibles of any language as well as prayer books for Disaster Relief. If you have questions, please contact Cathie Bettge. Thank you!**

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**Additional Donations:** Used Portals of Prayers are also being collected and delivered to Victoria Christian Assistance Ministries in Victoria. If you have questions, please contact Margie Swannack. Thank you!

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### **Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse Collection**

During the month of December, our collection items will be **RUBBER GLOVES** for the warehouse in Rosenberg.

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### **Mission of the Month for December** **Samaritan's Purse**

This organization has been busy helping all over the world. They were feeding desperate families in Gaza with over 1 million supplemental nutrition packets. Their medical teams provide first-aid care. Within Israel they continue to help build community centers and emergency medical stations. They went to Jamaica after the devastating hurricane helping to rebuild and provide medical care. And, of course, now Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes will warm the hearts of children and open the door for evangelism across the world. Your donation this month will go "where most needed" to equip Samaritan's Purse with the resources to fulfill their worldwide mission of relief and evangelism.

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#### **Altar Arrangements**

Altar arrangements are placed  
for Advent  
to the Glory of God.

#### **Thank You Letter Received**

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church,  
Thank you for hosting me last month. It was wonderful to get to know all of you! Thank you for your hospitality and the opportunity to share updates on the NALC. We are beyond grateful for your partnership and support!  
In Christ, Maddie Benson**

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Every Sunday - 9:00 A.M. - Sunday School-

*Come deepen your faith, connect with friends, and grow closer to God!  
All youth are welcome — we'd love to see you there!*

***"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."  
~Proverbs 22:6~***

### Each Sunday - Portals of Prayer –

October – December Portals of Prayer are available for pick-up in the narthex.

### Sunday, December 7, 2025 – Confirmation Class @ 9 AM in Parsonage

### Wednesday, December 10, 2025 – Comm. Service at Yorktown Manor @ 10 AM

– Women's Bible Study @ 12:30 PM

– Quilters @ 1:30 PM

### Saturday, December 13, 2025 – Evening Worship Service in Parish Hall

We will continue our Evening Worship Service on Saturday, December 13, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This will be an alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.

### Sunday, December 14, 2025 – Called Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, December 14, 2025, there will be a called congregational meeting after our church service. On the agenda is the Proposed Budget for 2026 and Insurance.

### Monday, December 15, 2025 – Finance Team Meeting @ 7 PM

### Wednesday, December 17, 2025 – Quilters @ 1:30 PM

– Men's Bible Study

### Thursday, December 18, 2025 – Committee Reports Due

### Friday, December 19, 2025 – Newsletter deadline

### Reader/Greeter Sign-Up Sheet

**Please consider being a reader and/or greeter next year. Sign-up sheet is in the narthex or please call the office.**

**Thank you!**

### Nursing Home Visitors

Virginia Abrameit would like to let everyone know that the list of Nursing Home Visitors will remain the same as last year unless someone would like to be added, removed, or moved to a different month. At this time, January is open if anyone is interested in filling this spot.

Thank you for your time and effort in visiting our church members who are in the nursing home. You are each greatly appreciated.

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## **Christmas Program**



Sunday, December 21  
6 pm

Celebrate Jesus' birth with creative skits, songs, & audience participation, all brought to life with a joyful True North adventure that points us to Christ.

Reception to follow in the Parish Hall

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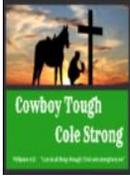


## **Join us for a True North Christmas!**

Set your compass toward the manger as we journey into the Christmas story and celebrate God's greatest gift—Jesus! Join us on **Sunday, December 21 at 6 pm** in the sanctuary as our Sunday School youth share the story of Jesus' birth through songs, skits, and audience participation. Refreshments and fellowship will follow in the Parish Hall. Don't miss this joyful, guiding celebration of the season!

# **PRAYER REQUESTS**

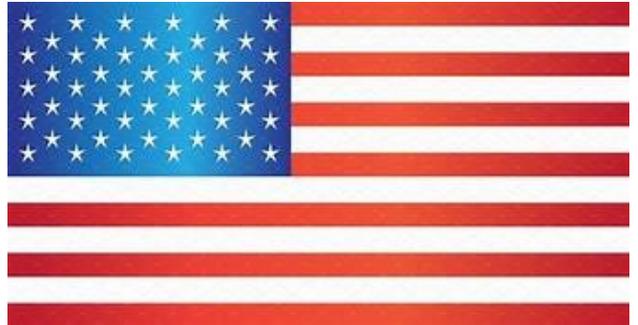
**+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole:** Taken from Facebook Cowboy Tough Cole Strong (October 10, 2025): It's that time of year again for the Annual Cowboy Tough Cole Strong team roping benefit. This is definitely one of Cole's favorite events of the year and he's so grateful to Justin Shelton and all those involved for doing this every year. Proceeds from this event go towards paying for Cole's care above and beyond what insurance won't pay for and as anyone with a disability knows it is a constant battle. We try to have a silent auction Saturday and Sunday depending on the number of items that are donated. So if you're interested in donating anything from baked/homemade goods, décor, or really anything please contact me at 361-550-8856. And we hope to see you there!♥



**+ Please pray at 12:00 PM daily for Cole + At his request, these are the prayers he has on his list:** *Healing- physical, emotional & spiritual To help family stay strong Patience ~ Stay positive ~The drive to keep trying (perseverance)*

## **Our Military and their families:**

Russell Copeland - U.S. Army Reserves  
Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army, Fort Cavazos  
Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy, Florida  
Lee Magruder - U.S. Army, Fort Riley, Kansas  
Michael Petrash II - 1<sup>st</sup> LT,  
United States Army  
Andrew Washington, L CPL –  
USMC, Pensacola, FL  
Koltyn Mayhall - USMC, North Carolina  
Zach McBrayer – Captain, U.S. Air Force, Germany  
John C. Otto – Army, National Guard



## **PHONE PRAYER CHAIN (immediate or long term needs):**

If you have a prayer request or wish to be on the prayer chain, please contact Mary Wagner (361)275-9500. We ask that when placing a name on the prayer chain, you would please call back weekly with an update on the person's condition. In case of long term prayer needs, please give monthly updates. If we do not have an update, in an effort to keep our list current and up to date, we will presume the situation has improved and remove the request after 30 days. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

## **CHURCH PRAYER LIST:**

**Please remember these individuals in your prayers:** Hunter Jacob, Cole Ohrt, Ryon Preslar, Evelyn Diebel, Dorothy Fay Diebel, Fred "Sandy" Sanders, Ryler James Jacob, Billy Guenther, Glenn Ruschhaupt, Christy Johns, Beatrice Fagg, David Diebel, Obert Sagebiel, Elizabeth Beard, Ray Butler, Cathie Bettge, Nick Picard, Jonathan Ideus, Pam Ficklen, Stacey Nelson, MayDell Jacob, Caroline Blain, Nancy Butler, Robert Moeller, Jonathan Pokluda, Margie Swannack, Bobby Zengerle, CJ Constable; also, remember to pray for our members who have fallen away from St. John.



## **Nursing Home:**

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus



## **SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER**

And as it went with John, so it still goes, from the beginning of the world until the end. For such conceited piety will not be told that it must first and foremost prepare the way of the Lord, imagining itself to sit in God's lap.

~ Martin Luther~